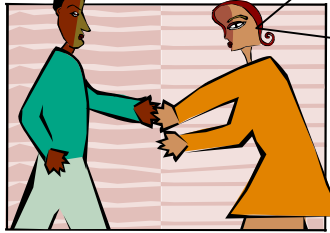


Ideas for Making Parents Feel



Welcome!

- Place a Welcome sign on your door.
- Send out "Invitations" to all parents to visit your classroom. Try not to use a negative tone when you suggest the best times for them to visit. You could also include a form which they send back to you which tells when they are most easily reached.
- During events that bring parents to the school (concerts, games, etc.) put up posters around the school inviting parents to visit the Title I room. If they do visit, give them an example of their child's work to take home, or an assignment for the parent and child to do together.
- Create a **Title I Parent Activity Leader** position. Responsibilities could include:
 - Enlisting a team of parents to help the teacher write the the Title I Parent-School Compact.
 - Surveying parents regularly for ideas for Parent Involvement Meetings.
 - Communicating regularly with parents (via a phone tree) about what's happening in Title I.
 - Dividing up all Title I parents into groups which have their own responsibilities. These could be minor, like bring a treat to a meeting, or major, like examining portions of the compact or providing assistance to the Title I teacher for a week.
 - Being in charge of a Parent Volunteer program. This could include heading a workshop training parents on various topics, as well as helping to schedule and enlist volunteers.
 - Establish a book lending library with cards asking parents to respond with the child to books that are checked out.
 - Host a "Parents and Teachers Work Day" on a Saturday morning, after school, or a week night evening. Ask parents to come in and help you cut out materials for the classroom or games that they can take home and use with their child.